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After one more session's experience with the Home Rulers Dr. Russell ought to find himself a good Republican with a strong bias towards being a missionary.

Austrian scientists have discovered a serum which will protect animals from the foot and mouth disease. If it is good for judges also, Hawaii ought to send for two bottles.

The Rev. Dr. Rainsford of New York said the other day that the charges against the missionaries in China are "rot." This seems to be as strong a denial as one could expect from a clergyman.

The Legislature need not flatter itself that its ways have not been noticed on the mainland. Witness this comment from the Philadelphia Ledger, as a sample of the whole:

The Hawaiian Legislature is half-way through its session, and has passed but one bill, which provided money for its own expenses. The whole time has been taken up in wrangling over rules and points of order. Hawaii seems to be learning the worst of American ways first.

Memorials testifying to its own industry and good faith will not go far in helping this Legislature at Washington.

John Emmeluth has addressed an open letter to Governor Dole severely criticizing him. It has been the Governor's misfortune never to please John, however successful he may have been with other people. When John wanted the Queen deported in 1893, Mr. Dole said nay, and John was as mad as a Chicago anarchist who had been made to wear a clean shirt. Again in 1895, when the hebetudinous politician got the Council of State by the ears with his repeated demands to "hang Wilcox," the Governor had to quell him again. Later the loathsome administration got in the way of one of John's schemes to corral some mountain water and make himself a hated planter with it, and then the savage man made up his mind never to cut his hair until he got revenge. He has been getting it since by joining the Home Rulers, writing open letters and taking Judge Humphreys riding past the Governor's house in his brake.

THE BAIRD INCIDENT.

The action of the Federal District Attorney and the Federal Judge in the Sodergren case seems extraordinary, in view of the relations mutually borne in the American courts to a cause at bar by the judge, the prosecuting attorney and the jury.

In the United States, save in this integral part of them, it is the business of the judge to tell the jury the law; of the prosecuting officer to present the evidence to the jury; and it is the exclusive function of the jury to decide, upon the evidence and the law thus presented, whether the prisoner is guilty or innocent.

Here in Hawaii there have been attempts to partly eliminate the jury or at least to curb its freedom of action and make it a creature of the judge or of the prosecution. Thus, awhile ago, a jury, having done its duty, was denounced from the bench by the presiding jurist, and two of the men in the box were dismissed without fees. The ultimate result was that the offending judge was forced to retreat from his false position and confess that he had overstepped his powers and infringed upon the rights possessed by the twelve good men and true, whose duty it was to pass upon the evidence. We then had hope that the jury system would not again be tampered with, nor has it been in the Territorial courts.

But how about the Federal courts? In the Sodergren case a jury, made up of reputable men, weighed the evidence and found the defendant not guilty. There was a kindred case to be tried next but to the astonishment of the bar and the spectators, the United States District Attorney refused to go on, and then scathingly denounced the jury, whereupon Judge Estee, at his request, punished the whole venire by dismissing it with sharp words, and declaring that the man was guilty whom the twelve in the jury box had pronounced innocent.

The effect of such a proceeding must be coercive upon Federal juries in future. They will not feel free to exercise their own judgment of evidence, but will naturally try, unless they are juries strongly infused with the American spirit of independence, to conform to the views of the prosecuting attorney and the judge. Such a state of things must end in miscarriages of justice. It is contrary to the basic principles of law in free countries, and it is foreign to the traditional practice of Hawaii and the other States and Territories.

If a prosecuting attorney may arraign a jury and cause its punishment for failure to convict, why may not a defendant's attorney do the same thing for failure to acquit? And why should either attorney have any such privilege?

Can a judge afford to have it known that, in his court, a conviction is right per se and an acquittal wrong? That was the way of Jeffries of old, but modern jurisprudence has evolved a better system and a nobler type of judge. It has established fair play in the vacant seat of prejudice; and the rights of men against the rule of autocrats have been guaranteed by the jury system. Let no man, least of all, one who sits upon the woolsack, attack those guarantees or even question them. It won't pay.

General Merriam does not favor a large army.

Los Angeles, Pasadena and San Pedro are to be connected by electric car lines.

The Phoenix, Arizona, farmers complain that they have no men to harvest their crops.

The report that there was an attempt to assassinate King Charles at Bucharest, is denied.

Mrs. Herron declines to be interviewed as to the cause of her divorce from the professor.

Heavy frosts are playing havoc with the fruit crops in the neighborhood of Niles, California.

A rogues gallery of card sharpers is to be provided by the New York police for the Atlantic steamers.

NEWS OF WORLD
CONDENSED

Herbert Spencer is very feeble. Ex-Congressman Marvin is dead. Kitchener reports more Boer losses. Marysville, Cal., has had a \$20,000 fire. No mail from China was lost on the Rio.

The Philadelphia grave diggers have struck.

Delcasse breakfasted with the Czar on April 25.

Oil trusts are planning to control the Texas fields.

A salmon canning trust is to be formed in Chicago.

Porto Rican laborers have declined to go to Ecuador.

An alleged German spy has been arrested in Paris.

Severe earthquakes have been doing damage in Italy.

The Ohio river flood maintains an even stage at 53.7 feet.

A \$5,000,000 sugar beet plant is to be built in Colorado.

A storm wrecked the barracks at Polce, P. I., on April 26.

J. B. Hudson, a Montana mining man, has committed suicide.

David C. Thompson is to edit the Northwestern Christian Advocate.

Gracie Trip, aged 19, of Angel's Camp, Cal., committed suicide last week.

A new comet having three tails has been discovered from Cape Town.

French mining strikers have won the victory after a prolonged strike.

The Building Trades Council of Chicago has practically decided to disband.

On one vote lately the Ministerial majority in Parliament was reduced to 26.

British mine-owners and shippers have entered a protest against the coal duty.

A little girl of San Diego recently died in great agony from the bite of a rattlesnake.

An Argentine army surgeon claims to have discovered a serum cure for tuberculosis.

Burglars wrecked the bank vault at Pioneer, Ohio, with dynamite and secured \$1,000.

The Scandinavian-American Bank of Whatcom, Wash., has been looted by its president.

Official reports show a decrease in the amount of internal revenue for the United States.

Kaiser William visited Cronberg to greet his mother, the Dowager Empress Frederick.

The Russian Government has forbidden the exhibition of Count Tolstol's picture in Moscow.

Results of the conference of the Cubans with the President are said to be satisfactory.

Marconi, the inventor of wireless telegraphy, is to marry Miss Holman of Indianapolis.

A maddened elephant recently created a panic in a Peru circus, and finally killed his keeper.

Jim McPeck, a famous Wyoming cattle rustler, was killed by a stock detective at Miles City.

A \$2,500,000 hotel is to be erected on Fifth avenue between two restaurants in New York City.

The will of D'Oyley Carte, the well-known London theatrical manager, was sworn in as \$240,810.

Austria and Mexico have resumed diplomatic relations for the first time since the death of Maximilian.

King Charles of Roumania was attacked recently and narrowly escaped murder at the hands of a ruffian.

All the properties of Bear Gulch Mining Company have been consolidated, calling for an investment of \$2,000,000.

Big sales of Union Pacific stock are being made since the circulation of rumors in regard to the pending deal.

Edward J. Sexton, an insurance man, in a fit of despondency, attempted suicide at Cripple Creek recently.

John W. Garrett of Pennsylvania has been appointed by the President secretary of legation at The Hague.

Brooklyn will not receive Professor Herron, as formerly planned. A storm of protests caused the change.

Improved conditions in Porto Rico, and the approach of the harvest, it is said, has stopped Porto Rican emigration.

Arthur B. Marcham, M.P., who denounced the African companies, is prepared to repeat his charges publicly.

Robbers at Norwich, Kas., blew open the safe of the Badger Lumber Company and secured a small amount of money.

Sir Ellis Ashmead-Bartlett, M.P., has been fined for assaulting a lawyer's clerk who served him with a bankruptcy notice.

The Chinese regulars, who retired beyond the great wall, have reappeared at another point within the international area.

Germany has refused to decrease her demands in China, and Great Britain is trying to induce the Powers to cut their claims.

Sergeant Meston has been sentenced to dishonorable discharge and two years' imprisonment for commissary frauds at Manila.

The Irish members of Parliament have attempted to reduce the tea duty and to have Ireland exempted from the tobacco clause.

A coaching accident in Philadelphia caused the death of Jos. E. Widener, son of a wealthy resident, and severe injuries to another.

Senator Beveridge delivered an address "The American Situation" at the banquet of the Grant Club of Iowa, at Des Moines April 27.

The President is announced to deliver a speech in Convention Hall during his stay in Kansas City on his return trip from the Pacific Coast.

Miss Portia Knight, the actress who is suing the Duke of Manchester for breach of promise, alleges that he twice promised to marry her.

Masked burglars entered the American Express Company's office in Paris, surprised and gagged the watchman, and escaped with \$5,000 francs.

By June 1, James J. Hill will have control of the Colorado & Southern, Fort Worth & Denver City and probably the Colorado Midland Railroads.

In New York a victim of apoplexy was taken to the police station as a drunk and died from the shock. She was the wife of a wealthy merchant.

Mrs. Charles K. Rodgers, daughter of the late Millionaire P. P. Mast, and a sister of the wife of Minister to Venezuela, F. B. Loomis, died at Tucson, Ariz.

The seventy-ninth anniversary of the birth of General Grant was celebrated at Galena, Ills., his old home, on April 27. Rev. F. W. Gunsaulus made the oration of the day.

Count Waldersee has been announced as a failure in Hongkong; his methods are said to have made the situation in North China worse. He is pronounced a good soldier but a poor administrator.

Dr. Morrison, writing to the Times from Peking and discussing the question of indemnity, says: "The American proposal to reduce the indemnities to \$40,000,000 finds no acceptance except with the British."

The Beaumont, Tex., Oil Exchange has posted the statement that the Standard Oil Company has purchased the railroad terminals, wharves and shipping facilities at Port Arthur and 50,000 acres of land surrounding the port.

The Chilean Minister to Brazil had an interview with the Minister of Foreign Affairs in which the Pacific question was discussed. The former declared that his country was not opposed to the solidarity of American nations, but was anxious that peace should exist.

Austria is to construct four canals. Millionaire Beard of New York is dead. The condition of the Shah is reported to be worse.

The Russian situation is reported as growing worse.

General Ludlow is in the grip of tuberculosis at Manila.

There have been disastrous prairie fires in Nebraska.

Senator Voorhes' son is in prison in New York for robbery.

The Pittsburgh labor unions are planning to consolidate to fight the trusts.

The son of Lieut. Col. Wildreck has been arrested in New York for swindling.

Colonel A. E. Buck, Minister to Japan, is ill with the grip in Washington, but is reported in no serious danger.

The two Gypsy girls arrested in connection with the disappearance of Willie McCormick, the New York boy, have been released.

The French Government speaks highly of the hospitality shown the French training ship Duguay Trouin, while in American harbors.

The Comptroller of the Treasury has decided that postal money orders are payable only by postmasters upon whom they are drawn.

Twenty men were arrested in a pool room raid in Chicago April 27. The rooms were located over the saloon of two well known local politicians.

Nothing has been heard of Willis McCormick, the missing young New Yorker who has strangely disappeared.

A writ to compel a Chicago street railway company to lower its tunnel beneath the river at a busy street, has been refused by the Circuit Court.

The American Bridge Company has signed the scale submitted by the structural workers of the different cities with the exception of Milwaukee.

The evidence in the Cudaby case is slowly tightening about Callahan, one of the suspects, and damaging testimony has been given against him.

Striking bakers in Lima, Peru, waved red flags and shouted "Death!" Persons were attacked, but were repulsed. Rioters will be severely punished.

Governor Odell has signed the bill which authorizes New York City to accept the \$5,000,000 gift of Andrew Carnegie for a free library system.

The Commercial Cable Company has issued notice that the Siberian land lines are interrupted and messages for Japan via northern route are sent at sender's risk.

The New York Stock Exchange operations show unusually heavy transactions in common and preferred stocks stimulated by the higher range of London prices.

Colonel Merritt Barber and Major F. Long have been appointed Brigadier Generals of Volunteers by the President on account of long and faithful services in the Philippine campaign.

In the contest proceedings of G. W. Farker, Republican candidate for Mayor of St. Louis, filed against Mayor Wells, seven separate grounds for action are alleged, involving illegal voting.

Judge Sneed of the Circuit Court at Knoxville, Tenn., held that the by-law passed by the American Legion of Honor, Supreme Council, last August, invalidating all policies of over \$2,000 was void.

The thirty-sixth anniversary of the destruction of the Government transport Sultana on the Mississippi river, in which 1,800 lives were lost, was celebrated in Knoxville, April 27th. About 100 survivors were present.

Count Cornulier, a Parisian, after a two days' trial for the murder of his wife by shooting her three times, as she was leaving the house of M. Leroux, an anti-marital admirer, was acquitted on April 27th, amidst the applause of the spectators.

A majority of the foreign ambassadors called upon Secretary Hay April 27 to bid him farewell before he left on the President's trip. Most of them, including Lord Pauncefoot, ambassador of Great Britain, will visit Europe during the Secretary's absence.

A startling feature of the series of forgeries alleged to have been committed by ex-Mayor Hadley Jones of Little Falls, N. Y., who is a fugitive, was disclosed when his safe was opened. Forged bank certificates were found, and it is believed he stole about \$25,000.

The wrecked schooner Emma C. Knowles passed in the Delaware Breakwater on April 27 in tow. She was sighted off Atlantic City lying on her beam ends. There was apparently no one aboard then. It is believed that the crew of nine men have been picked up and that the men will be landed at some foreign port.

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Some After Dinner Remarks of Rev. Dr. Rainsford.

NEW YORK, April 26.—When Rev. Dr. William S. Rainsford of St. George's church said at the dinner of the New York Credit Men's Association Thursday night that it was "rot" to lay the blame for the war in China on the missionaries, he meant all he said, for he repeated the assertion today at his residence.

"I do not recall that I excused myself as a clergyman for saying it. I probably did not. I probably would not have said 'damned' if I had paused in advance to apologize for what I was going to say," he said.

"I also said that clergymen were too highly specialized nowadays—so highly that a glass of wine or cigar is denied them. I still hold to that view. I could not be expected to change it over night because it got into print."

"There was a distinct odor of tobacco in the study when Dr. Rainsford said this. It might be that Dr. Rainsford had just finished a cigar."

Eighty People Killed.

FRANKFORT, Germany, April 25.—One of the most destructive explosions on record occurred this evening at the Electro-Chemical Works, near Greishelm, where smokeless powder is manufactured. Eighty persons were killed or injured. The disaster was caused by a small fire, which ignited several vats of picric acid.

The flames spread with frightful speed to the adjacent buildings, and then over the River Main to Schwannheim. Then a second series of explosions took place.

Lipton's Yacht.

GLASGOW, April 27.—The Shamrock II was undocked this morning and towed to Greenock, where her sails were bent and her compass was adjusted. She will start for Southampton in tow of the Erin this afternoon. Mr. Flie accompanying her. Designer Watson inspected the challenger and expressed enthusiastic approval of her.

Sir Thomas Lipton, in the course of a conversation, said: "I am satisfied if he has the best challenger ever built, and I warn my American friends that they have a big job this time."

Latest Sugar Prices.

NEW YORK, April 27.—Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining, 3 11-16c; centrifugal, 36 test, 4 31-64c; 4-14c; molasses sugar, 3 7-16c; 1-2c. Refined—Steady; crushed, 5.55c; powdered, 5.55c; granulated, 5.45c.

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The medicine taken by Mrs. Ida E. Ward, Cove Point, Md., was Hood's Sarsaparilla. She writes: "I had a disagreeable itching on my arms which I concluded was salt rheum. I began taking Hood's Sarsaparilla and in two days felt better. It was not long before I was cured, and I have never had any skin disease since."

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